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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please amend claim 19. The claims are as follows:

1. (Original) A floatation apparatus, comprising:

a platform structure;

a permanent buoyancy structure physically attached to a first side of the platform structure;

and

at least one removable buoyancy structure removably attached to the floatation apparatus,

wherein the floatation apparatus is portable.

2. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 1, further comprising at least one attachment structure adapted to secure the floatation apparatus to an object.

3. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 2, wherein the object is a swimming pool.

4. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 3, wherein the swimming pool comprises a resilient structure removably attached to an exterior portion of the swimming pool, and wherein the floatation apparatus is further adapted to be secured to the resilient structure.

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